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In re application of: RUBEN et al.

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Examiner: O'Hara, E.

For: Human Tumor Necrosis Factor
TR18 and Methods Based Thereon

Attorney Docket No.: PF526N

PROVISIONAL ELECTION AND RESPONSE WITH TRAVERSE
UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.143

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Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

In response to the Restriction Requirement mailed July 11, 2002, please enter the following provisional election *with traverse*, election of species *with traverse*, and consider the remarks below. Applicants submit concurrently herewith: (a) Information Disclosure Statement Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.56, with accompanying revised form PTO/SB/08 and copies of References AA-AT; and (b) a Fee Transmittal, with appropriate fee(s).

AMENDMENTS

In The Claims:

Please cancel claims 2-19, 22, 25 and 27-32 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please add the following new claims:

--33. (New) A method of detecting Sjögren's disease comprising, contacting an isolated polypeptide comprising the amino acid sequence of SEQ ID NO:2 with a biological sample and assaying for binding of neutrokine- α to said isolated

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